

REMARKS:

Objections to the Specification:

The Examiner has made several objections to the specification, because of various informalities. The Applicant has amended the relevant portions of the specifications according to the Examiner's suggestions to overcome these objections.

Objections to the claims:

The Examiner has objected to several of the claims because of various informalities. The Applicant has amended the relevant portions of the claims according to the Examiner's suggestions to overcome these objections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112:

The Examiner has rejected claims 13 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112 for failure to provide antecedent basis for certain elements. The Applicant has amended claim 13 and 16 so that they depend from claim 2 rather than claim 1, thereby providing antecedent basis for the terms, "first and second ferromagnetic layers", thereby overcoming these rejections. Since no other rejections have been made the Applicant sincerely believes that claims 13 and 16 are allowable as amended.

Allowable subject matter:

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-3, 6-12, 14, 15, 17 and 20-22 are allowable. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowable subject matter.

The Applicant believes that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is, therefore, sincerely requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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